

Remarks

A. Pending Claims

Claims 206-208, 210-227, 229-246, 248-267, and 1691-1693 are currently pending. Claim 212 has been amended. Claims 209, 228, and 247 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1691-1693 are new.

B. Objected To Claims

Claims 209 was objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. The Examiner noted that “parent claim 206 already recites that “the first ... volume are sized, shaped, and/or located to inhibit deformation”. In this regard, since claim 209 positively recites these steps in better form, it is suggested that upon canceling claim 209, parent claim 206 be amended to read, e.g., “sizing” rather than “sized”. Claim 209 has been cancelled. New claim 1691 recited in the requested form “sizing”, “shaping”, and “locating”.

Claims 228 and 247 were objected to as being duplicates of claims 227 and 246, respectively. Applicant disagrees that claims 228 and 247 are duplicates of claims 227 and 246, respectively. Applicant has cancelled claims 228 and 247.

C. Indefiniteness Rejection

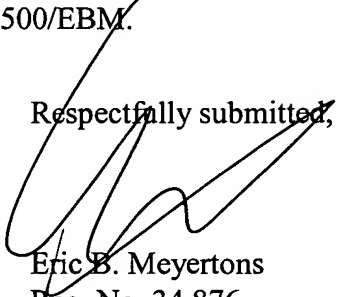
Claim 212 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Amended claim corrects a typographical error so that the last clause reads “the second volume substantially surrounds the third volume.” Applicant requests removal of the indefiniteness rejection of claim 212.

D. Additional Comments

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fees are due in association with the filing of this document. If an extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. If any fees are required, please appropriately charge those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5659-21500/EBM.

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